

REMARKS

Claims 33 and 36 have been amended to indicate that the packer is expanded from within the tubing that it is mounted to. None of the cited art does this. All the claims are now submitted to be in allowable condition.

Reviewing the cited references, Brown delivers a mechanically set packer that has an expander sleeve 19 and a cone 19 that move relative to each other longitudinally to set the packer P. The tubing is not expanded to set the packer.

Schurr doesn't specify between mechanically set or inflatable but shows no indication of tubular expansion to obtain the set position of the packer.

Dotson uses an inflatable packer 28 in conjunction with a cementing operation. There is no tubular expansion to obtain a set packer.

Schultz suggests that the packer can be mechanically set or inflatable but makes no mention of setting the packer by expansion of the tubing that supports it.

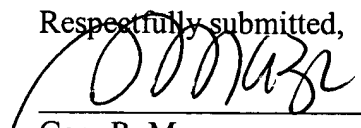
Malone combines delivering a bit and a packer that is inflatable. It makes no suggestion to expand the tubing that supports the packer.

It should be noted that the last two references are applied against claim 1 which is not pending in this case. It was presumed by the content of these references that the intent was to apply them against claim 33.

All the claims are now submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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